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President's Message

Recent experiences have brought to mind a number of ways that "brain training" is becoming a popular theme. I attended a conference with my wife in San Antonio Oct 24-26. One of the plenary sessions was on "The Hidden Wealth Inside Your Head," presented by Sandra Bond Chapman, with the Center for Brain Health at the University of Texas at Dallas. I ended up with her recent book, "Make Your Brain Smarter," when her card was taped to the bottom of my wife's chair. She also handed out laminated cards with a few tips:

- 1) Avoid multi-tasking, reduce brain fatigue, instead sequential task;
- 2) Synthesize deeper meanings..;
- 3) Get cardiovascular exercise..;
- 4) Quiet your mind..;
- 5) Get 7-8 hours regular sleep..;
- 6) Generalize novel ideas from reading and apply to broad new contexts..;
- 7) Innovate by identifying goals and working backwards..;
- 8) Teach and mentor new advances..;
- 9) Expand your passion..;
- 10) Don't be a rote learner .. Listen and let information filter through and be transformed by your own thinking. The above have been slightly paraphrased. I was busy eating brunch and didn't take any real notes during her talk but plan to read the book.

While surfing the net trying to relate this to ham radio I first found an AARP website that gave recipes for using brain-ingredient-rich foods including: cranberries, oats, almonds, asparagus, walnuts, blueberries, split peas, eggs, shrimp, onions, spinach, chicken, bananas, and dark chocolate. I thought about submitting one of these for our newsletter recipe section. Then I read an email from USAA, my auto insurance carrier, offering free logon access to a brain trainer, "Drive Sharp", which has video game-style exercises that are designed to train the brain to process and react faster when driving. Unfortunately, I forgot my logon ID and password at USAA and couldn't try this right away. However, a little more net surfing and I found the "TED Talk" by David Wolpert on YouTube. His interesting talk described how movement (of our bodies) was a big part of the reason our brains evolved. In his view, we should try to understand the other senses like seeing, and eventually more complex thought, as primarily aids to movement. Perhaps USAA is onto something trying to get us to use the \$89 value software to improve our driving.

Finally, I found an abstract of the journal article, "Distinct patterns of functional and structural neuroplasticity associated with learning Morse code." This scientific paper described the analysis of 16 human subject's brains before and after learning Morse Code. The authors state "We found an increase in task-specific neural activity in brain regions known to be critically involved in language perception and memory... during Morse code deciphering." Then, "Furthermore we found an increase in gray matter density in the left occipitotemporal/inferior temporal cortex." All of which proves the main point of my column this month, that learning and using Morse code is excellent brain training.

Before closing, I have been asked by Herman KN5GRK to remind everyone that we will be needing to organize a nominating committee this month for next year's officer slate. Also, it is time to think about a Chairman for the March Hamfest. Our next meeting is on Thursday, November 7th.



Club By-Laws

Section 1. A nominating committee will be appointed by the President of the association at the November membership meeting each year and will consist of two (2) members of the Board of Directors and two (2) voting members in good standing from the general membership. The president will designate the Chairperson.

Archie Hill W5AG
AARA President

Tour Du Teche Ham Radio Style!

by Jess Gillian KF5LUL
AARA Vice President

What does Ham Radio and the Tour Du Teche have in common??
Boat Anchors!

Are these folks nuts? Nope, cause they love it! The fast boats navigate the Teche at around four miles per hour. We are lucky and can do it at the speed of light! Some of these folks rowed their boats for over eighteen hours nonstop.

I worked, liked every, year the Franklin check point. It is located at the Park Sur La Teche in Franklin. I checked the first boat in around 5 pm. The last boat arrived at around 2:30 am! I checked in about 32 boats total. As I sat there I got tired! And I was thinking, these folks have been paddling for hours, with many more hours to go. I have been sitting! How do they do that? And to think, that is only day two of a three day race. Dedication is the word that comes to my mind.

I noticed some really fancy looking boats in the race. So I asked a few of the competitors to tell me a little about the boats. I learned some of them are made of carbon fiber. The prices on these custom high end boats can get upwards of four thousand dollars. I thought, that's a nice HF rig your paddling!

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NOVEMBER AARA GENERAL MEETING

The November General Meeting will be held on Thursday, November 7, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat Street, Scott, Louisiana.

VE Testing will be at 6:00 PM - This will be last VE test session this year, next session is January 2, 2014.

DATES TO REMEMBER**GENERAL MEETING**

Thursday, November 7th @ 7:00 PM
 Red Cross Building - 101 N. Pat St.
 Scott, LA
 VE Testing @ 6:00 PM
 No Hamfests this month.
 (See page 4 column 1)

Local 2-Meter Nets**Sunday**

Opelousas Area ARA Net 7:00 PM
 147.150 PL 103.5 Carencro, LA

Monday

AARA Monday Night Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Tuesday

Acadiana ARES Net 7:00 PM
 145.370 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

Wednesday

Bodie's Memorial DX Net
 145.410 New Iberia, LA

Thursday

Kid's Net 7:00 PM
 146.820 - PL 103.5 Lafayette, LA

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OCTOBER 2013 AARA MEETING MINUTES

October 3, 2013

CLUB MEETING:

- The AARA President, Archie Hill W5AG opened the meeting. Herman KN5GRK led the prayer and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 21 members and 2 visitors in attendance.
- Archie Hill W5AG asked members to share their recent contacts. It was fun listening to the persons with new radios.

Minutes: The September minutes were not read as they were posted in the October LARC. On motion by Tom Dischler W5OHJ, seconded by Ric Wallace KF5KEL the minutes were accepted as published.

Budget: Joy Breaux N5YCS gave the Treasurer's Report. On motion by Ric Wallace KF5KEL, seconded by Tom Dischler W5OHJ, the Treasurer's Report was approved as presented. The Financial Report is not published in the LARC; any member wanting a copy can contact Joy N5YCS.

Old Business: Charlie Morrison reported that the new Repeater is working fine.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP spoke about the **Tabasco Special Event Station** at Avery Island Tabasco Plant on September 28-29, 2013. There were 520 contacts logged and 1980 lookups on QRZ.

Volunteers for the Special Event were: Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Paula Romero KF5CNS, Nick Romero KE5MWX, Jackie Wallace KF5PCH, Ric Wallace KF5KEL, Dave Redfearn N4ELM, Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, Fred Marshall W5MLE, Karen Marshall KE5RPI, Mark Saltzman W5GTI, Galen Wilson KF5BET, Abbi Wilson KF5BEW, Kendra Wilson KF5FYB, Herman Campbell KN5GRK. All had a wonderful time.

Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF reported on the **Tour du Teche Canoe Race** on October 4-6, 2013. Sandy answered questions and thanked all volunteers.

All is ready for the **Cajun Cup 10K Run** in Lafayette on November 9, 2013 as reported by Jess Gillion KF5LUL event Chairperson.

New Business:

There will be an Emergency Test on October 12, 2013, from 9 am to 12 noon.

Archie Hill W5AG introduced Bob Norwillo of the Boy Scouts. He spoke of the upcoming **Cub Scout Jamboree on the Air** on Saturday, October 19th, at Mountain Bayou Lake. It will be a Cub Scout Adventure and the Scouts will be able to make contacts with other Scouts around the country on the radios. There will be around 80-90 Scouts along with parents and family. Archie Hill W5AG and Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD will bring up the equipment and help the Cub Scouts.

Pamela Rayburn from the Boy Scouts of America requested members to help teach a Ham Radio Merit Badge course for Boy Scouts on November 23-26, 2013.

Paul Breaux School is planning a Spring Technician Class. Archie is also planning to give them some Software Defined Radio experience using a USB computer "dongle".

Mark Saltzman W5GTI, Monday Night Net Controller, mentioned that there is some interest in using other local repeaters for the Monday Night Net on a rotation schedule.

On motion by Tom Dischler W5OHJ, seconded by Fred Marshall W5MLE, the club voted to rotate the 3 repeaters. Mark will post the schedule in the LARC and possibly on the web site. This will start in November.

Greg Dolan K5LFT, VE Tester, reported that we had 3 testers resulting in 2 new Technicians and one General upgrade.

There being no further business, on motion by Jackie Wallace KF5PCH, seconded by Nick Romero KE5MWX, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,
 Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF
 AARA Secretary 2013

..... Ham Radio Style

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Next year I could sure use some help. I would be nice to have someone to split the time with. They could also enjoy the food, games and mosquitos with me. One neat thing that was going on was that Franklin had a festival that they moved to coincide with the race. So we had two bands playing music til 9 pm. They also had booths set up with food and crafts.

I estimate that there were about a thousand people attending this event. I had about 50 people come ask me what I was doing. Once I explained it I usually spent the next few minutes explaining how ham radio works. Mostly explaining how repeaters work and EchoLink.

Next year, I think I am going to have the club make some banners and likely bring a table with some promotional items. They Boy Scouts were there too. They had a grand time learning ham radio.

So in closing, I want to thank the all the usual folks who put on the Tour De Teche, but especially KE5COV, Mike Ancona, for the use of the Franklin repeater and making sure it was linked up properly.

73 - Have Fun
Jess KF5LUL



Happy Thanksgiving Day from AARA - November 28, 2013

TOUR DU TECHE IV CANOE RACE RESULTS

October 4 - 6, 2013

(article by Sandy Leblanc KE5KJF)



The Tour DU Teche Canoe Race is 135 mile race from Port Barre, LA, to Berwick, LA. The race has introduced paddlers and Ecotourists to the recreational, cultural and economic value of the bayou for local residents. The three day race has turned into a paddling marathon as well as a 3 day party for towns along the route, as well as families along the route cheering for the paddlers.

A little excitement was provided by Tropical Storm Karen, and a approaching cold front bringing some showers. We had one potential emergency event when one of the paddlers needed assistance due to exhaustion. It was called in to the "Crawfish Hole" (Command Center) over the radio link. The Sheriff's department was contacted by cell phone, and a boat was on the scene with the paddler in less than 8 minutes. Good work!

The Texas Heartbreakers – Morgan Kohut of Houston, Virginia Parker of Austin, and Sandy Yonley of Houston won the racing division with the best time of 20 hours, 55 minutes and 17 seconds, winning \$1200 in prize money. (About \$20 per hour) In second place was Brad Pennington of Houston with a total time of 20:56:12. Randy Hargroder of Opelousas, 58 years old, took first place in the Voyageur (non-racer) division with a time of 23:54:25.

There were events up and down the bayou in conjunction with the race. The Citywide Garage Sales in Breaux Bridge, the Grande Boucherie des Cajuns in St. Martinville, The Harvest Moon Festival in Franklin, and a huge block party at the finish line in Berwick.

As we have in the last two years, the Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. (AARA) provided the communications support for the race.

The Command Center (Crawfish Hole) location was in Breaux Bridge at the Information Center on Bridge St. next to the downtown bridge. Larry LeBlanc KE5KJD, Sandy LeBlanc KE5KJF, Andre LeBlanc KF5LGN, Ric Wallace KF5KEL, Jackie Wallace KF5PCH, Nick Romero KE5MWX, Paula Romero KF5CNS and Tom Dischler W5OHJ, Tammy Smith James, and Ava Serrette manned the Crawfish Hole.



Working the Crawfish Hole (left to right), Sandy LeBlanc (KE5KJF), Tammy Smith, Ava Serrette (cheerleader), and Andre LeBlanc, KF5LGN.

The following people manned the Check Points along the bayou: Glenn Thibodeaux KF5FNP, Ingo Werk KK6EWB, Ric Wallace KF5KEL, Jackie Wallace KF5PCH, Archie Hill W5AG, Dave Redfearn N4ELM, Kari Kuntz NU3I, Josef Hope KF5YFC, Galen Wilson KF5BET, Abbi Wilson KF5BEW, Kendra Wilson KF5FYS, Jess Gillion KF5LUL, Nick Pugh K5QXJ, JoAnn Pugh KE5RPL, and Rudy WA5QNH in Berwick.

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MARA Annual Christmas Hamfest

Sponsored by the Minden Amateur Radio Association

Date: December 21, 2013

Time: 8:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Entrance Fee: \$5.00 per person

Location: Minden Civic Center
520 Broadway Street
Minden, LA 71055

Talk-In: 147.300 PL186.2 (NLA Link System)

VE Testing: All levels 9:00 AM
12:00 Noon

Participating Vendors:

Main Trading Company
Hub City Amateur Radio Sales
Palmetto Antennas, LLC

The SignMan of Baton Rouge

Swap Tables: \$5.00 each

Grand Prizes: To be listed later

Tickets:

Prize tickets for the drawings are available at door or from club members or contact Fran, KD5LKB, or Dusty, N5COL (email addresses on website) and are priced: \$1 each, 6-\$5, 15-\$10, 35-\$20, 50-\$25, 100-\$50.

Public Contact:

Dusty Collins - N5COL
231 Garrett Drive Dubberly, LA
71024

Phone: 318-422-3159

Email: n5col@att.net

MARA Website:

<http://www.n5rd.org/activity.htm>



New Medal of Honor Stamp coming out November 11, 2013.



Crawfish Hole antenna: 19 ft Ladder line J-Pole PVC base + 16 ft "Crappie" pole Antenna

Tour du Teche

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Mike Ancona, Herman Campbell KN5GRK and Nick Pugh K5QXJ, provided support for repeaters and EchoLink. Nicole Patin provided overall planning and coordination for the event and provided the radio operators with Staff T-Shirts.

All worked well except the EchoLink hookup to Morgan City, which had trouble dropping the connection. The link was attempted through the KE5COV repeater because we did not have direct EchoLink capability from the Crawfish Hole.

Next year, if we do it again, we will use a direct link, which does not show a problem.

Our thanks go out to all who participated for a "Job Well Done".

The following repeaters were used in the event:

Lafayette AARA Repeater – W5DDL 146.820 Offset -600kc PL Tone 103.5

Franklin/Baldwin Repeater – KE5COV 147.120 Offset -600kc PL Tone 103.5

New Iberia/Lydia Repeater – K5BLV 145.410 Offset -600 No PL Tone

New Iberia Repeater – K5ARA 146.680 Offset -600kc PL Tone 103.5

Final results from Berwick was be by EchoLink to the Morgan City Repeater W5BMC-R, 146.910 MHz No PL Tone _ EchoLink node 507010

Tour du Teche Photos:



Cory Werk - KF5YAB of Breaux Bridge, son of AARA member Ingo Wert KK6EWB, came in second place in his class in the Tour du Teche. Cory has a canoe rental and tour business in Breaux Bridge.

(photo by Jim KF5UMY)



St. Martin Parish President Guy Cormier is taking a picture of Cory Wert KF5YAB passing the finish line in 2nd Place at Berwick, LA. Cory paddled the 135 mile Tour Du Teche.

EVERY ONE HAD A GOOD TIME



Jamboree-on-the-Air at Cub Scout Adventure

(Article by Archie Hill - W5AG)

At the invitation of Bob Norwillo (Evangeline Area Council, Boy Scouts), who attended our October 3 Club Meeting, AARA members participated in the recent Jamboree-on-the-Air (JOTA). Approximately 448 Cub Scouts and family members attended the Cub Scout Adventure Weekend October 19-20, at the Mountain Bayou Lake Boy Scout Camp near Chico State Park.

Along with canoeing, badminton, B-B gun shooting, slingshot shooting, archery, BMX bicycle riding, and other fun activities there was a JOTA station set up by hams Larry Leblanc KE5KJD, and Archie Hill W5AG.

Larry brought his Kenwood TS-520 HF rig and a ZS6BKW multi-band dipole antenna. Archie brought an Icom IC-730 HF rig and homebrew open-sleeve 20/30 M wire dipole. Yeasu and Icom two meter rigs were also on hand. For these, Larry had set up a fiberglass mast with a flexible j-pole made out of ladder line.

Program administrator, Pam Rayburn, had provided 50 belt-loop patches (see photo) and by the starting time of 10:30 AM Saturday, a long line of Cub Scouts had arrived for getting on the air via ham radio.

The morning's efforts were limited to contacts on the two meter rig with the help of the Alexandria repeater. Larry, in fact, made all the Saturday contacts while Archie struggled to get wire dipoles up in the trees. Thanks to a loan from the nearby slingshot shooting station progress was made in mounting the wire dipoles by mid-afternoon. Larry's ZS6BKW dipole was the clear winner with most contacts made on 40 meters.

Archie demonstrated some CW contacts in the late afternoon. We had run out of patches by about lunch time on Saturday so the traffic of Scouts slowed down to a comfortable trickle. Archie spent the night in a staff cabin and made a few HF contacts early Sunday morning with the Scouts and the help of Gene Normand N5BOS of Alexandria, LA, John Coxsey N5JAC of Axle, TX, and Leonard Reynolds KB5JWJ of Tyler, TX.

After we ran out of the desirable patches we began taking names of Cub Scouts to pass along for possible additional patches from Pam Rayburn. In all, we had about 75 cub scouts get on the air. During Saturday afternoon Larry had managed to find some other scouts on the radio for some Scout-to-Scout contacts. It was a little like pulling teeth to get the Cubs to speak up and carry their end of the conversation. The second photo shows Larry with his Electro-Voice microphone encouraging a Scout to speak up and "make the needle move" on the Bird Power Meter.

One of the cub scouts who made a contact on our station was the grandson of the late AARA member Danny Griffith, K5ARH.



Radio Patch

DX: K9W Wake Atoll DXpedition Team Gets Entry Okay



The K9W Wake Atoll DXpedition, which was put on ice as a result of the partial government shutdown, now has US Air Force permission to visit Wake. "Our equipment is already on Wake and in safe storage awaiting our arrival," the team said in a media release. The 12 operators plan to assemble in Hawaii on October 30, leave November 1, arrive November 2 and "immediately erect antennas and set up the stations."

The team expects to have two CW and two SSB stations on the air, and current plans call for K9W to be active from November 3 through November 15 (Wake Island time). The team has posted its operating plan on its website.

<http://wake2013.org/pages/bandplan.html>

The Wake Atoll Commemorative DXpedition is the recipient of an ARRL Colvin Award grant.

<http://www.arrl.org/colvin-award-grants>

Digital Modes

There are a few of our club members and non-members interested in playing around with FLDIGI software. This is a really nice piece of software that decodes just about any digital modes plus being able to use message forms.

Glen Thibodeaux KF5FNP is our local guru on this program. He is wanting to get together a group and play with this software to familiarize operators having problems setting up and using this program. Talk to him at the meeting.



The annual running of the Cajun Cup 10K Run will take place on November 9, 2013 in downtown Lafayette.

Our Chairperson for this year's event is Jess Gillion KF5LUL. Jess will meet our AARA Club member that usually help in this event at 7:00 AM Saturday morning on Jefferson Street across the street of the old Federal Building in the parking lot with the mural in the background, next to the Chase Bank building.

Jess should have the "T" shirts, course maps, and final post positions for our volunteers around the course. Larry & Sandy KE5KJD and KE5KJF will probably furnish donuts as they have done in the past.

If you attend the November 7th General Meeting, Jess will have more information for you. BTW, those helping out are entitled to the free food at the Food Court at *Parc Sans Souci*.

AARA Annual Christmas Banquet



The Acadiana Amateur Radio Association, Inc. will hold their annual Christmas Banquet at the Golden Corral on Ambassador Caffery on **Thursday December 5th at 6:00 PM**. This will be for members and guests. The club will pick up the tab according to the head count.

When you enter, you will order your drink and tell them you are with the ham radio group and then proceed to the meeting room and sign in. Then serve yourself.

It was agreed a few months ago to do our annual Christmas Party at the Golden Corral in order to give the ladies of the club a break of having to cope with setting up the food, cleaning up afterwards and disposing all the food left. We think that the Golden Corral will have plenty of food and something for everybody. All arrangements have been made.

There will be a very brief business meeting in order for everyone to enjoy themselves and visit.

Also, please note there will not be any VE Testing at this meeting. The last VE Test Session for the year will be at the Thursday, November 7th meeting at 6:00 PM at the Red Cross Building.

REMINDERS

(by Herman Campbell KN5GRK)

The year is about to come to an end and here are a few things you might want to take into consideration.

You can pay your dues at the November meeting for the upcoming 2014-2015 year. If you are not a member at the present time, this will include what is left of 2013.

Consider in taking part in our club by volunteering to be part of the officer nominating committee or run for office in our election for new officers.

Our March 14 & 15, 2014 Hamfest is not that far away, we will be soon looking for volunteers to help out with our biggest event of the year, only by your help we can keep it the "Best Hamfest in the State".

Back in the April 2011 General Meeting, I proposed a project to stimulate some activity within the Club. For those who only have VHF and UHF privileges, I suggested that we have a contest starting on a certain date. Make contacts with stations with the last letter in their call ranging from A-Z. The first person obtaining 26 contacts ending A-Z win some kind of prize. Paula Romero KF5CNS was the first to complete the contest and won the prize of 15 door prize tickets to our 2012 Hamfest and a nice certificate.



The contest is still open to get a nice certificate, (no prize). You must keep a log and use the "Honor System" in making your contacts, no QSL cards needed to be exchanged. Repeaters, EchoLink, and Simplex contacts will be allowed.

OCTOBER 2013 ACADIANA AREA 2 METER NET REPORTS

NET	SESSIONS:	TOTAL CHECK-INS:	TOTAL TRAFFIC:	TOTAL TIME: Minutes	Net Manager
OAARC Net - Opelousas Area Amateur Radio Club	4	33	Ø	56	N5LRZ Ray
AARA Monday Night Net	4	76	Ø	123	W5GTI Mark
Acadiana ARES Net	4	26	3	54	N5LRZ Ray
Bodie's Memorial DX Net	5	27	Ø	69	N5LRZ Ray
Kid's Thursday Night Net	4	37	1	60	KF5BEW Abbi KF5FYS Kendra

It's okay to make a mistake, as long as you learn from it.

-- unknown

AARA Monday Night 2 Meter Net Rotation

Mark W5GTI the net control station for the AARA Monday Night Net had suggested that the net be rotated between three different area repeaters. This was brought before the membership at the October General Meeting and members agreed. The rotation will start beginning November 2013.

Here is the November schedule.

DATE:	TIME:	REPEATER:	PL TONE:
November 4	7:00 PM	147.040	103.5
November 11	7:00 PM	146.820	103.5
November 18	7:00 PM	145.370	103.5
November 25	7:00 PM	147.040	103.5

When using the SkyWarn 145.370 repeater, be sure to use the receiver PL Tone for your area as follows:

NW Quadrant 114.8 - NE Quadrant 127.3 - SW Quadrant 141.3 - SE Quadrant 94.8.

The November & December schedule can be downloaded and printed in Adobe Acrobat .PDF from the club website at:

<http://www.w5ddl.org/clubsuite/files/monday net.pdf>

October VE Test Session Results

William D. Meche KF5VZW of Lafayette, LA upgraded to General Class License.

James D. Kelly of Baton Rouge, LA passed his Technician License and received the call KF5YQJ.

Robin P. Bonin of Lafayette, LA passed his Technician License and received call KF5YQI.

VE's conducting the test session were:

Greg K5LFT, Ric KF5KEL, Rick N5RLM, Archie W5AG, Mark W5GTI, Kari NU3I, and Tom W5OHJ.

This will be the last VE Test Session of the year. No VE Testing in December.

AARA

**UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS**

11/01 JO ANN	KE5RPL
11/03 PAUL	K5VSH
11/07 LINDA	KA9TWO
11/13 BETTY	K5BMC
11/20 STEVE	KC5UGC
12/04 CAROLYN	N4DHR
12/08 ROLAND	NA5Q

Some members failed to put their birthdays on their applications for renewal / membership causing some names to be missing from the list.



Veterans Day

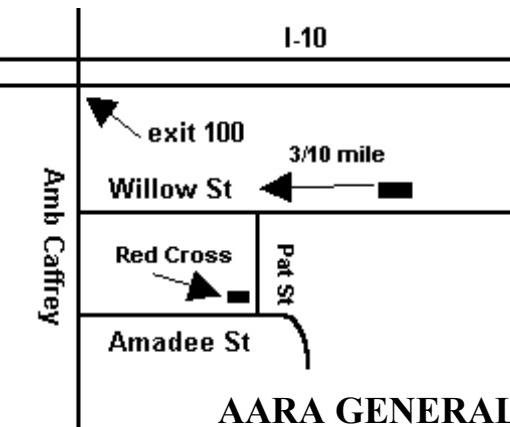
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Share the Fun - Bring a Friend to be a HAM !

AARA GENERAL MEETING

November 7th, 2013 - 7:00 PM

VE TESTING TONIGHT - 6:00 PM - LAST ONE THIS YEAR

Red Cross Building, 101 N. Pat St., Scott, LA

Lunch Bunch - Each Wednesday 10:45 AM – 2:00 PM

Golden Corral - Amb. Caffery - Lafayette, LA

Check 146.820 PL 103.5 - repeater for info.

COMPLIMENTARY
ISSUE

Vegan Pumpkin Pie

<http://eatdrinkbetter.com>

Ingredients:

One 350-gram box of drained firm silken tofu.
One heaping cup canned or cooked pumpkin.
One to one and a quarter cups golden or brown sugar,
 packed somewhat loosely.
A dash of salt.
Four teaspoons pureed pumpkin pie spice.
One pie crust – you can buy one pre-made or make
 your own.



Cooking Directions:

Allow oven to preheat to 375 degrees.

Use a blender or food processor to blend your tofu until it is cream-like and smooth, typically four minutes or so. Stop blending occasionally and push any chunks down into the blades.

Add in your cooked pumpkin, then continue blending, stopping to push down any chunks again. What you should be left with is a paste that is light orange in color and has no tofu lumps.

Transfer your paste into a large bowl with the spices, salt, and sugar. Mix it well and scoop it into your pie crust. You can choose to decorate with leftover crust if you desire.

Bake for about 35 minutes, which should leave the crust a dark brown, yet not burned.

Notes:

Total preparation time is about two hours, but will vary based on your gathering of ingredients and whether or not you have cooked pumpkin and pie crust available. One large sugar pie pumpkin provides enough pumpkin for two pies, and this recipe will easily double. The pie freezes and refrigerates well.

FCC Information Service

Toll Free (WATS) for Amateur Radio license inquiries about new/vanity call signs: 888-225-5322. This will connect you to the FCC National Call Center, handled by the FCC's Consumer Information Bureau. Amateurs having ULS problems or questions should contact the FCC's ULS Technical Support staff at: 202-414-1250 or:

ulscomm@fcc.gov.

FCC Website:

<http://wireless.fcc.gov/uls/>

New call sign information can also be obtained from the ARRL/VFC at 860-594-3000.

<http://www.arrl.org/arrlvec>

The mailing address to the FCC is:

Federal Communications Commission, 1270 Fairfield Road, Gettysburg, PA 17325-7245